

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1-31, 33, 34, and 36-38 have been canceled, claims 32 and 35 have been amended, and claims 39-67 have been added, leaving Claims 32, 35 and 39-67 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment. Support for the amendments to the claims and the new claims can be found at least in the canceled claims. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Informational Disclosure Statement

Applicants note that the Examiner has not considered the art submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") dated January 14, 2004, or the IDS dated August 19, 2005. With respect to the IDS dated August 19, 2005, in particular, Abstract item #1 listed in the "Other Information" section was not considered.

The Examiner notes that In accordance with MPEP §606.04(a), "the lists may not be incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper". (Office Action dated July 5, 2007, hereinafter "OA 07/07", page 3. The Applicants are confused by the Examiner's objection to the IDS. As is clear from the Image File Wrapper available on Public PAIR, an IDS (including Form PTO-1449) was submitted on January 14, 2004 (i.e., a separate document, not part of the specification). Another IDS was submitted August 22, 2005, also on a separate sheet and including Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the art submitted in both IDSs be considered and a fully initialed PTO Form A820 be returned to the Applicants.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 32, 33, 35 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the Specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in relevant art that the inventors, at the time the

application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Allegedly, Applicants had no possession of the claimed subject matter because “there is no structure with respect to Claims 32 and 33”. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 32 and 35 have been redrafted in independent form since Claims 1 and 2 from which they originally depended have been canceled in response to the restriction requirement. With regard to the Examiner’s assertion that the inventors did not have possession of the claimed invention because no structure was present in the claims Applicants respectfully assert that no structure is needed. It is publicly known and understood, through the many issued patents and published patent applications, what the structure of a polycarbonate is and moreover what a structural unit derived from a hydroquinone compound (as a dihydroxy compound in the polycarbonate synthesis) would look like (see, for example, U.S. Patent Nos. 7,115,700 and 5,484,875). Hence, given the teaching of the prior art one of ordinary skill would be readily understood how to make and use the invention.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 32, 33, 35 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner has pointed out the similarity in language between claims 32 and 33. Claim 33 has been canceled. The dependency issue found in claim 35 has been corrected by amendment. Claim 36 has been canceled.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0893.

Respectfully submitted,

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